

FOSTERING INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE FOR CAPE ELIZABETH SCHOOLS



CAPE ELIZABETH EDUCATION FOUNDATION

 DECEMBER UPDATE 2008

**CEEFF Grants Continue to Make a Difference
in our Schools**

The struggling economy, stripped budgets, shortfall issues . . . all point to lean times for public education. Our community, like those across the country, is facing startling losses to our public schools' programs and services. As we face some of these tough changes together, we can also find a reason for optimism with the closing of another CEEF grant award cycle. We are fortunate to have a resource available to continue to inject exciting, important and innovative programs and professional development opportunities into our schools. Through the help of our generous and dedicated donors, CEEF awarded \$24,520 in [grants](#) last month. Thank you to every CEEF contributor – your financial support, the time so many of you have volunteered, and the talents you share throughout the year have helped our organization to continue to grow strong. CEEF is dedicated to fostering innovation and excellence in our public schools, in good times or bad, for a long time to come.

**Just in Time for the Holidays (and beyond):
CEEFF's Red Apple Recognition Gift**

Paying tribute to our teachers can come in many forms. One unique way to do so is to make a donation in the name of the special teachers in your child's life in the form of a CEEF Red Apple gift. A gift of any amount may be given. Honored



teachers' names will appear on our special Red Apple Award listing on our website (coming soon!), and teachers will receive a note from CEEF to inform them of the Red Apple gift given in their name. The Red Apple Award is a wonderful way to honor our teachers and contribute to our children's

education with the same monetary gift. Like all donations to CEEF, the Red Apple gift is tax-deductible.

For more information on how you can honor the important teachers in your children's lives, please visit [our website](#).

**Grant Spotlight:
Museum of Fine Arts and Mapparium**

A great opportunity to bring the curriculum alive! A full-day field trip for 7th grade will allow students to view collection of antiquities and artifacts from the ancient world and other cultures. Students will spend several weeks preparing and choosing specific areas to research so they can get the most from their visit. Check out the [Mapparium website](#) to get a glimpse of what the kids will experience! \$3,870 was awarded for this [grant](#), submitted by Deborah Casey, CEMS teacher.

**Grant Spotlight:
Virtual High School**


On-line Coursework via CyberSpace – This [grant](#) award covers teacher training, site coordinator training, annual membership fee and fall semester fees for eight students to participate in fall semester coursework. This program will be coordinated in collaboration with South Portland



High School, an exciting step toward creating opportunity by sharing resources. VHS is a non-profit collaborative of schools utilizing teachers from member schools to provide a wide range of on-line AP, honors, core and elective HS courses. Check out their [website](#) for more information! \$11,350 was awarded for this grant, submitted by Jeff Shedd, CEHS principal.

Please visit our website to see a complete listing of the grant awards funded for our schools during CEEF's fall grant cycle. Thank you for your continued support!

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